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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal.

I. Background and Purpose

Every day, Colorado's people and organizations make extraordinary efforts to strengthen our communities, provide opportunity to fellow Coloradans, and move our state forward. To honor the work of these individuals and organizations, and to inspire future generations to serve the interests of the state, I create the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal (CGCM). The CGCM will recognize individuals and organizations from diverse sectors that make enduring impacts on the strength and vitality of the State of Colorado.

II. Declaration and Directives

1. The Governor shall award five medals annually, one in each of the following categories:

- A. **Growth and Innovation:** An entrepreneur who has led with exceptional ingenuity and growth while inspiring and creating new possibilities for others.
- B. **Public Service:** Government leader who serves the public with innovation, operational excellence and progressive vision.
- C. **Emerging Community Leader:** A young business or non-profit leader who has demonstrated professional excellence and positive impact on the community.
- D. **Vanguard Legacy:** Business leader who has made transformational contributions to the community throughout his or her career.
- E. **Corporate Citizenship:** Colorado-based company that has made a significant and positive impact in the community.

2. The medal shall be made of silver and feature Mt. Elbert – Colorado’s highest peak – the Colorado state seal, and the Colorado flag. It shall be inscribed with the honoree’s name and the year it is awarded.
3. The CGCM shall be administered by a non-partisan nominating committee designated by the Governor. The nominating committee shall be overseen by a member of the Governor’s office, who shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the committee. The nominating committee shall establish nominating criteria and conduct a selection process that is objective, non-partisan and in the best interest of the citizens of Colorado. Each year, the committee shall deliver to the Governor three nominees per category listed in paragraph 1 above.
4. The Governor shall select the honorees from the nominees chosen by the nominating committee at his or her discretion. Medals shall be awarded at a ceremony on or before December 31 of each year. All living former governors of the State of Colorado shall be invited to participate in the awards ceremony.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by further executive order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 20th day of
November, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor